

**MAY 9, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00pm**

Mayor Pardue and all Council Members were present except Council Member Darnell.

Mayor Pardue called the meeting to order and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Cara Horton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Susan Cheek addressed the Board concerning her water issues (iron) and the Tattoo Parlor business in Jonesville. Please keep an open mind for this studio for artists.

Cameron Horton addressed the Board concerning his Tattoo Parlor business as the owner. I would like to move to a larger location eventually and adopting an ordinance could cause problems for me in the future or other Tattoo Parlor businesses.

Kevin Krantz addressed the Board concerning his water increases and dirty water. I have replaced my water heater 3 times. Jonesville should welcome any new businesses in town including Tattoo Parlors.

Bonnie Swaim addressed the Board concerning her water (chlorine) and welcoming the Tattoo Parlor business in Jonesville. Everyone should work together which would allow the town to get more accomplished.

Jim Tucker addressed the Board on behalf of Briarwood Apartments concerning water rates. Please, no water increases.

David Henderson addressed Council Member Wolfe in public concerning her, "Helping Jonesville Grow", facebook comments about him and his family. David wants this to stop.

Bridget Henderson addressed the Board wanting to see receipts for all expenditures from the Historical Society organization (multiple years \$6,750 per year).

Barbara Gentry addressed the Board on behalf of Briarwood Apartments concerning water rates/water taste and the way the people were treated at the budget meeting April 25, 2016, even though it was a misunderstanding.

Clara Collins addressed the Board concerning the water rates and taste.

Virginia Wagoner addressed the Board concerning how she was treated during the budget meeting on April 25, 2016. How come I was not allowed to speak but another citizen was?

Judy Wolfe addressed the Board that the Jonesville Jubilee was a success and thanked all the volunteer help she received. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so let the planning begin.

Scott Buffkin addressed the public about 3 block utility grants Jonesville applied for but were unsuccessful obtaining them.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Moore made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 11, 2016, and budget workshop meeting April 25, 2016, Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING TATTOO AND/OR BODY PIERCING PARLORS**

As discussed at last month's meeting, Police Chief Roger Reece has asked that the Town Council consider adopting an ordinance to regulate the location, hours of operation, etc. of tattoo and/or body piercing parlors. At last month's meeting, the Council decided to conduct a public hearing to determine the public's opinion on this topic. Now would be the time set for such public hearing.

Staff requests that the Town Council provide direction as to any particular language the Council would like to see in an ordinance. Staff can develop a draft to be considered at the next Council meeting. Council will find included in the agenda packet behind Tab 2 the ordinances from the Town of Elkin and the City of Concord that could be used as models for our ordinance. Comments made by; Susan Cheek, Kevin Krantz, Bonnie Swaim and Cameron Horton: Any business should be allowed to operate in the Town of Jonesville when it's a legal business.

Council Member Moore asked Town Manager, Scott Buffkin to draft a proposed ordinance to be considered at the next Council meeting 6-13-16 that Tattoo and/or Body Piercing Parlors shall not be located within 500ft of any schools, parks, churches and playgrounds.

### **SET DATE FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town Council needs to set the date for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget. Staff recommends that the public hearing is held in conjunction with next month's regular meeting on June 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm. The budget may be adopted any time after the conclusion of the public hearing.

Council Member Green made a motion to approve the date for the budget public hearing 6-13-16 and Council Member Wolfe seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

Note: The next budget workshop is May 23, 2016, at 6:30pm.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO REQUEST LEGISLATION TO ALLOW**

## **THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS**

As discussed at previous meetings, Mayor Pardue, Mayor-Pro-Tem Moore and Town Manager Buffkin met with representatives of the Towns of Boonville and East Bend about requesting legislation be passed by the North Carolina General Assembly to allow our Town(s) to change our elections to even-numbered years to coincide with Federal, State, and County elections. At the aforementioned meeting the representatives of the three towns all agreed that they would like to move forward and asked Jonesville Town Manager Buffkin to contact Senator Krawiec and Representative Zachary to determine if they would be willing to introduce and/or support such legislation for our Town(s). Mr. Buffkin has spoken with both legislators and both have expressed their willingness to introduce and/or support such legislation and suggested that each Town adopt a resolution formally requesting that such legislation be adopted.

In order to achieve the election year change to even-numbered years, each current term of office for the Mayor and Town Commissioners must be either lengthened or shortened by one year. All future terms of office would be for four (4) years as they currently are. For information, the Towns of Dobson and Elkin chose to lengthen their elected officials' term by one year and the Town of Pilot Mountain chose to shorten each term by one year.

The staff has included draft resolutions for the Council to consider. One asks for legislation to lengthen the terms of office and one asks that the terms of office be shortened. If the Council wishes to move forward on this issue at this time you can do so by adopting one or the other of these resolutions and direct the Town Manager to forward such to Senator Krawiec and Representative Zachary.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to adopt the resolution for elections in the town of Jonesville be conducted in even-numbered years and to lengthen the terms of current commissioners to the new election schedule and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NC RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S STRATEGIES FOR RURAL NORTH CAROLINA'S FUTURE**

The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Authority recently conducted an assessment of the rural economies in North Carolina and developed ten strategies to help facilitate economic development in the rural areas of the state. They have asked the local governments in the rural areas of the state to adopt a resolution of support for this initiative.

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the NC Rural Economic Development center's ten strategies for Rural North Carolina's future and Council Member Wall seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

## **RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE**

## **UPSET BID PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION**

January 2014 the Town approved a resolution declaring the property located at 114 Osborne Street (and others) surplus and authorizing its sale by sealed bids. The Town advertised the properties and invited bidders to place a bid. At that time, no one placed a bid. Recently the Town Manager spoke with a neighboring property owner and has secured a bid in the amount of \$2,000. There may be other neighboring property owners that are now interested in acquiring the property. With the present interest in the property perhaps the best way to move forward would be to utilize the upset bid procedure. We would advertise that the Town has received this bid and invite any interested party to submit an upset bid.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to adopt the resolution to declare 114 Osborne Street surplus property and authorize the upset bid procedure for disposition and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

## **REQUEST TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE JONESVILLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Council member Wolfe requested that the Town Council consider a resolution increasing the membership on the Tourism Development Authority Board by two (2) members from the current level of seven (7) to nine (9). The number of members was changed in June 2014 from eight (8) to seven (7). Prior to that, the membership was changed from five (5) to eight (8) in 2010.

The legislation that authorized the creation of the Tourism Development Authority and the assessment of the occupancy tax does not state a requirement for minimum or maximum size of the board, only that the makeup of the board be at least one-third individuals who are affiliated with businesses that collect the tax in the town and at least three-fourths be individuals who are currently active in the promotion of travel and tourism in the town.

Council Member Wolfe made a motion to table this discussion until next month's meeting 6-13-16 and Council Member Green seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The departmental reports are included in your agenda packet. The Council will need to make a motion to approve the monthly financial report.

Council Member Wolfe made the motion to approve April financial reports and Council Member Moore seconded the motion, passed unanimous 4-0.

With no pending business to discuss Council Member Green made the motion to adjourn and Council Member, Moore seconded the motion and passed unanimous 4-0.

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Gene Pardue, Mayor

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Lynn Trivette, CMC, NCCMC